

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

August 5, 2020

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh 6/8
Don McCormick 7/8
Kay Tvaroch 8/8
Debra Anlauf 6/8
Erick Toth 7/8
Maria Greenberg 7/8
Fred Pazona 7/8

Present

William Dryburgh
Don McCormick
Kay Tvaroch
Erick Toth
Maria Greenberg

Absent

Debra Anlauf
Fred Pazona

County Representatives

Joseph, Tiseo, Commission Liaison
Tommy Scott, Director
Tina Powell, Natural Resources Manager
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager
Mike Koenig, Resource Manager
Jill Boyd, Recreation Supervisor
Mike Norton, Recreation Supervisor
Lonne Moore, Recreation Supervisor
Willie Vails, Recreation Specialist
Kathy Koroschetz, Administrative Assistant

Guests

- Chairman William Dryburgh welcomed members, staff and visitors to the meeting.
- Roll Call
- Minutes
Motion to approve the 2020 July Minutes made by Maria Greenberg, 2nd by Erick Toth and was unanimously approved.

- Division Reports – June 2020
 - Don McCormick asked if the extended summer camp has had a financial impact on the parents. Tommy Scott replied by saying, yes there is a weekly rate and we let parents know of the new rate if they would like to continue with camp, but it is much less then the cost of daycare and the programs and activities we offer are the best in the area. We do need to offset some revenue, but we try to keep the rate as low as possible.
- Old Business
 - Commissioner Tiseo gave an update to last month's Melbourne Street parcel stating since the letter from the PRAB was sent to the BCC in support of a park on that parcel, there have been an additional 5 offers on the parcel in addition to the Laishley Group offer. The offers are all very creative and interesting and should be published in the newspaper and on the Charlotte County website on September 1st where you can read about them. The BCC will be meeting on September 8th to discuss the offers.

- New Business

- I. **Renaming Edgewater Dog Park** – Tommy Scott handed out a copy of a recommendation to rename Edgewater Dog Park after Katherine Ariens who was a long time Parks and Advisory Board Member that passed away recently. Katherine was very involved in raising show dogs and we thought this would be an appropriate park to rename in her memory. Motion to accept the recommendation of renaming Edgewater Dog Park to **Katherine Ariens Dog Park** made by Maria Greenberg, 2nd by Erick Toth and was unanimously approved.
- II. **Renaming of pavilion at Spring Lake Park** – Tommy Scott handed out a copy of a recommendation to rename the pavilion at Spring Lake Park after John Hitzel who served on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) for over 7 years and has passed away. A beautiful overlook of the lake would be the area the memorial would be located within the park. Motion to accept the recommendation of renaming the pavilion at Spring Lake Park to **John Hitzel Pavilion** made by Maria Greenberg, 2nd by Kay Tvaroch and was unanimously approved.

Tommy Scott stated the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) does not meet in August, but these two recommendations will be put on the BCC Agenda in September for approval.

- III. **Updates of Senior Games, Spring Training and Snowbird Classic** – Tommy Scott introduced staff to give updates on three major activities this year. Jill Boyd, Recreation Supervisor, Willie Vails, Recreation Specialist, Mike Norton, Recreation Supervisor, and Lonne Moore, Recreation Supervisor gave detailed updates to the PRAB members of the Senior Games, Spring Training and Snowbird Classic including year to year comparison of participants, staffing hours, volunteers' hours, attendance revenues and expenses. Along with this year's achievements and challenges due to COVID19.

Tommy Scott thanked the Supervisors and their staff and expressed his appreciation for the hard work and dedication, especially while having a Superintendent vacancy at the Charlotte Sports Park facility. Tommy Scott went on to announce that after a long recruitment period a candidate has been hired to fill the Charlotte Sports Park Superintendent position and will be starting September 16th.

Commissioner Tiseo commented that the BCC directed staff to get Travel Ball fields open and with the challenges of COVID19 he gave credit of Tommy Scott and staff as they were able to get 3 to 4 of the requested venues open. Commissioner Tiseo spoke to the organizer of the tournament and he stated he received very positive feedback on the conditions of those fields.

- Sports Council Update by Erick Toth
 - Reviewed Facility Use Agreements
 - Updated paperwork requests in regard for financials and risk management
 - Reviewed current renovation projects – Harold Avenue Baseball fields
 - Reviewed Youth Sports Council protocol for COVID19
 - Membership applications were distributed

Erick Toth went on to thank Lonne Moore and Monty Rodriquez and their entire crew for all the changes with getting started back up and still meeting all the new requirements due to COVID19.

- Member Issues
 - Kay Tvaroch asked on the status of the GC Herring Park playground. Tommy Scott replied that project has made the potential 2020 sales tax list which will be the funding source to implement the plan. Unfortunately, the playground is unsafe and does not pass inspection and needs to be taken out. If sales tax passes it will be put back in and if sales tax does not pass there is still enough to put the playground back in. The Sales Tax will be voted on in November.
 - Don McCormick asked Commissioner Tiseo if the Sales Tax Revenue is holding up or has it declined. Commissioner Tiseo replied, a recent update of the 2014 Sales Tax which we are at the end of now, has been healthy and we were exceeding our conservative estimates prior to COVID19, and it looks as though we have approximately 10M in surplus reserve. All things considered we are in very good shape.
 - Erick Toth asked the status of recruiting a lifeguard for the Centennial Park Aquatic position. Tommy Scott replied we are still recruiting for the position.
 - Maria Greenberg asked if the October fieldtrip has been decided on. Tommy Scott replied he will bring some ideas to the September meeting and we can decide then, we will all take our own cars instead of one van due to COVID.

- Directors Report
 - Tommy Scott expressed how great it was to see everyone again.
- Citizens Input
- Announcement
- Adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

CC: Commissioner Ken Doherty, District 1
Commissioner Chris Constance, District 2
Commissioner Bill Truex, District 3
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, District 4
Commissioner Joe Tiseo, District 5
Hector Flores, County Administrator
Emily Lewis, Deputy County Administrator